A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR PROFESSOR SYLVIA MAROTTA-WALTERS (21/12)

WHEREAS, Professor Sylvia Marotta-Walters has earned the highest level of respect, gratitude, and admiration of her colleagues on the Faculty Senate as well as the esteem and appreciation of the entire University community; and

WHEREAS, Professor Marotta-Walters’s term of continuous service as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate reached its three-year limit under the Faculty Organization Plan in April 2020; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the George Washington University unanimously passed a Resolution recognizing Professor Marotta-Walters’s service on May 20, 2020, honoring her work with the Senate, Administration, and Board on multiple initiatives, including the most recent Faculty Code revision process; and,

WHEREAS, Sylvia Marotta-Walters served in the position of Chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and displayed extreme dedication to practicing shared governance among the faculty, staff, and administration at a difficult period of transition in Presidential leadership and in university culture and worked extremely hard to resolve differences and facilitate a cooperative shared governance environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION BE ISSUED:

In recognition of the wide range of outstanding contributions to The George Washington University and its faculty and students made by Professor Sylvia Marotta-Walters during her remarkable tenure of nearly twenty-eight years as Professor of Counseling in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, during which time she has consistently adhered to the highest standards of excellence in her teaching, scholarship, and service, as evidenced by her election to Fellow, American Counseling Association; Fellow, American Psychological Association Society of Counseling Psychology; appointment as Past-President, American Psychological Association Trauma Psychology Division; and receipt of the 2016 Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Prize for Service; and

Especially in recognition of the extraordinary contributions Professor Marotta-Walters has made to the University and its faculty through her thus far thirteen years of exemplary service as a member of the Faculty Senate – including three years as Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as numerous years of chairing or serving as a member of, among others, the Faculty Senate Research, Honors and Academic Convocations, Libraries, Physical Facilities, and the Appointment, Salary, and Promotion Policy Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate – during which time she has compiled a remarkable record of major accomplishments due to her inspired leadership, integrity, collegiality, diplomacy, fairness, kindness, patience, perseverance, and grace under fire, as well as her unwavering commitment to advancing the best interests of the University and its faculty and students through a process of careful analysis, reasoned dialogue, shared governance, and deliberation;

THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HEREBY EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST ADMIRATION, APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO PROFESSOR SYLVIA MAROTTA-WALTERS FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

Adopted by Acclamation
September 11, 2020

Thomas J. LeBlanc
President